

**Washington, DC** - This afternoon, members of the Committee on House Administration's Election Task Force received a report by Government Accountability Office representatives on the progress of their investigation.

In their report, the GAO, engaged to investigate the contested 2006 election in Florida's 13th Congressional District, proposed additional testing be conducted in order to determine with reasonable assurance whether or not voting machines contributed to the election's undervote. The task force unanimously approved the GAO's proposed testing.

“The results of the GAO's testing will play an essential role in determining whether the machines did or did not contribute to the under vote in the contested election. The testing and its results are crucial; in their absence, we can not answer this question with the confidence and assurance that is necessary,” said Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX-20), Chairman of the Committee's Task Force.

For a copy of the GAO's report delivered at this afternoon's meeting, click here:

[http://www.gonzalez.house.gov/images/stories/documents/10022007\\_gao\\_testimony.pdf](http://www.gonzalez.house.gov/images/stories/documents/10022007_gao_testimony.pdf)

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